history brought out by NCERT due to their sub-standard quality and sectarian outlook;

(b) whether in spite of these objections Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce them; and

(c) if so, when and for which year did the CBSE take such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**All India Council for Physical Education**

4437. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an All India Council for Physical Education to look after the work of physical education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof *interalia* stating its composition, functions and its contributions in promoting physical education in the country; and

(c) by when, the Council will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the proposal to set up All India Council for Physical Education is under formulation in that Ministry.

**Vacant posts in NCERT**

4438. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are lying vacant in the NCERT, Delhi for a long time;

(b) if so, the category-wise details of such posts and the dates from which these posts are lying vacant; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up these posts and steps being taken to fill them up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Category wise details of the vacant posts as on 25-4-2003 are as under :